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Patent No.: 6,926,449
Issued: August 9, 2005
For: CONNECTOR PORTS FOR NETWORK
INTERFACE DEVICE

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Column 14, line 34, cancel the text beginning with "24. A network interface device" to and ending "the drop cable opening." in column 14, line 44, and insert the following claim:

24. A network interface device comprising:
a housing comprising an external wall and defining an interior cavity;
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a connector receptacle within the interior cavity for receiving the drop cable from the drop cable opening; and
wherein the connector receptacle optically connects a connectorized optical fiber to the drop cable.

Column 14, line 45, cancel the text beginning with "24. A network interface device" to and ending to the connector receptacle." in column 14, line 57, and insert the following claim:

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a connector receptacle within the interior cavity for receiving the drop cable;
a service provider access door for preventing unauthorized access to the connector receptacle; and
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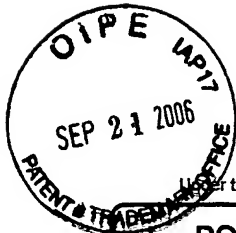
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